

Digital Assignment for Monday, February 5, 2025

Read the following story and answer the questions:

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

In the 1970s, clowns were invited into many American hospitals to make sick children feel better. They made children laugh and helped them forget their pain. They were the first medical clowns.

Medical clowns now work with children and adults in hospitals all over the world.

- 5 When doctors and nurses find it difficult to talk to their patients, clowns come to help. With laughter they are able to make the patients relax and feel better.

Even though medical clowns do important work, most people do not take their profession seriously. In Israel, this may change in the near future. Haifa University is now offering a college degree to people who already work in hospitals as medical
10 clowns. In this course they learn about acting, nursing and therapy.

The clowns hope that this degree will change people's opinion about their profession. "I am optimistic," says Lauren Hammerforth, a student in this program. "One day people will realize that we are doing important work. After all, laughter is the best medicine!"

Questions

1. How did the first medical clowns make the sick children feel better? Write TWO answers (lines 1-3).

a. _____

b. _____

2. Put a ✓ by the **TWO** correct answers.

According to lines 4-6, medical clowns:

- a. Work in many countries
- b. Only work with children
- c. Help the doctors and nurses
- d. Find it difficult to talk to the patients
- e. Feel better in hospitals

3. Circle the correct answer: **YES** or **NO** (lines 7-10)

Most people think that medical clowns do important work.

4. Where can medical clowns study for a college degree? (lines 7-10)

Answer: _____

5. Name **ONE** subject students study in the course for medical clowns (lines 7-10)

Answer: _____

6. Lauren Hammerforth thinks that in the future, medical clowns will get more:

- a. respect
- b. patients
- c. laughter
- d. money